

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1029

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Knox Thomas Hutchinson of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of Thomas Hutchinson; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hutchinson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutchinson graduated from Central High School in 1939 and attended the University of Tennessee in Thomasville; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Thomas Hutchinson served his country by designing planes to be used in the war at Vultee in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutchinson served with acumen and alacrity as a pioneer in the fields of agriculture and engineering, in which he earned the respect of his peers for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a progressive-minded man, Thomas Hutchinson followed in his father's footsteps and selflessly served alongside many other visionaries on the Middle Tennessee Electric Memberships Corporation (MTEMC) board of directors, providing electric service to rural areas of Middle Tennessee and establishing the Consolidated Utility District, which provides clean drinking water to rural Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutchinson was a consummate pillar of the community, rendering impeccable service on the boards of the MTSU Foundation, SunTrust Bank, Rutherford Farm Bureau, and the Farmers Co-op, in addition to serving as an active member of the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hutchinson was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the men's Bible class; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutchinson enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife of fifty-one years, Jean Gossett Hutchinson, who preceded him in death; he was also preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutchinson; and his sister, Betty Jane Hutchinson; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his children, Betty Vaughn and her husband, Buddy, Glen Hutchinson and his wife, Patti, and Debbie Simmons and her husband, Everett; his grandchildren, Jason Moore, Will Hutchinson, Emily Hutchinson, and Thomas Simmons; and his brothers and sister-in-law, Charles and Martha Hutchinson and Norman Hutchinson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Hutchinson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Hutchinson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Hutchinson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.